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ORANGE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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JUNE MEETING:

This months meeting will be held in the usual place (Mercury Savings and Loan), at the usual time (7:30 PM, Friday June 21st). The program will be "Preparation for Field Day". Ken, W6HHC will show slides and maybe a movie of previous Field Day events held by the club. Ken is quite a good narrator and the slides show the more interesting points of operating a Field Day contest. The meeting will be a short one because Field Day begins the next morning.

REMEMBER**FIELD DAY** **JUNE 22nd and 23rd****(More details on pages 3 and 4)****Field Day Site:**

We will be holding Field Day in Centennial Park, in Santa Ana, in approximately the same area where we were in 1982. This is an unimproved area, near the school, where we can place holes for the antennas. We plan to meet at the site around 7:00 AM (ugh!) on Saturday morning to begin setup.

Please make an effort to join us for this event. Operators, loggers, and checkers are all needed. If you have never operated Field Day before, now is the time to take a try. There will be a novice tent too, so if you know an upcoming novice invite him along. If you can, stay for the whole event, but if you can't, then be sure to drop by and help us out as your schedule permits.

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CLUB FUNCTIONS

MONTHLY MEETING: 3rd Friday of each month, 7:30PM at:
MERCURY SAVINGS & LOAN
1095 Irvine Blvd. (4th St becomes Irvine)
Tustin, Ca.

Jun 21st

Jul 19th

Aug 16th (Take the 4th St. exit to the 55 FREEWAY
and head east. Continue about two blocks
past Newport Blvd. on the left.)

CLUB BREAKFAST: 1st Saturday of each month, 8:00AM at:
MIMI's CAFE
17231 17th Street
Tustin, Ca. (714) 544-5522

Jul 6th

Aug 3rd (55 FREEWAY at 17th Street east.)

CLUB NETS

BAND	MODE	DAY OF WEEK	LOCAL TIME	FREQ MHz
2 Meters	FM	Wednesday	2100 hrs.	146.550
15 Meters	SSB	Wednesday	2000 hrs.	21.375
15 Meters	CW	Sunday	2000 hrs.	21.175

(Listen for W6ZE, net control)

IT'S TIME FOR FIELD DAY!

JUNE 22nd and 23rd is FIELD DAY, and The Orange County Amateur Radio Club will be participating again, as they have every year since I've known the club. This year's site is Centennial Park in Santa Ana. (See map). The Club will be meeting in one of the unimproved areas, so we can dig holes to put up the antennas. We will be setting-up in one of two possible areas in the park. These are 'unimproved' areas where we can erect antennas without damaging the well kept grass. The sites are both towards the south end of the park, one being at the west end, near the river, and the other at the east end by the building. Last time we operated at the park we were at the east site. Further details will be given at the meeting, but at either site we should be really easy to find. The park bathroom facilities will be available to us during the whole period thanks to the City of Santa Ana.

We will be running the three transmitter class this year, plus a novice station. Team captains are Joe, KA6FZV, for the novice tent; Al, W6IBR for 40 meters; Chris, KA6IMP, for VHF/15/80 meters; and Ken W6HHC, for 20 meters. Please contact these people for any assistance you can give to make Field Day a success.

Our Chef this year will be Jane Watts and she will be cooking up dinner and Sunday's breakfast. Don't look for hot dogs and hamburgers either. Jane has a more ambitious menu planned. Her Xerox computers have been calculating "calories-per-contact" tables all week! Lunch and snacks will be the responsibility of each team, though some extras will be available at the cook tent. Don't feel bashful about getting your fill of food whether you've been operating all weekend or just out seeing what it's all about.

Setup will begin at about 7:00AM on Saturday. Operations should begin around 11:00AM and end 24 hours after our official begin time (up to 2:00PM). All times are local PDST. In years past we usually end before noon on Sunday.

To make this an enjoyable event and to prepare ourselves incase a disaster comes our way, everyone should try to participate to as large an extent as possible. Please come out even if you can stay only for awhile, but feel free to stay as long as you



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want. Be sure to try your hand at operating, logging, or checking if you want. The team captain, or an assistant will be glad assist you. Extra help is always needed for setup and tear down. We get three full-sized beams in the air and all tents, trailers and rigs set-up in, usually just under four hours.

If you have any questions... again call a team captain. More info will be available at the June club meeting on Friday evening.

Centennial Park is located on Edinger Ave. at the corner of Fairview in Santa Ana.

The board has worked hard to make the plans for this event. Special thanks should go to Joe Partlow for arranging the site and our source of emergency power. (10KW of Diesel it is rumored).

If you know of any novices or neighbor hams who are interested in coming out to our Field Day, please invite them along. It is a great time to meet local hams and get them acquainted with our club. It was an invitation to the OCARC field day, back in '68 that introduced me to this club!

There will be a June Meeting!

Don't miss this months meeting. There will be some fine raffle prizes including an electronic Keyer according to our Raffle Chairman. We will also be taking orders for new badges. See the back page for further details.

FOR SALE:

Self-supporting 54' tower, Ham M Rotor and triband beam.

Apple clone computer with accessories.

Contact Raymond Martin, WB6PEX, (714) 532-4090 for details.

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P. O. Box 1704 ORANGE, CA. 92668
Minutes of GENERAL MEETING May 17, 1985
Mercury Savings & Loan, Tustin, Ca.

Meeting opened at 1940 by President, with Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call of Officers followed with all present Except VP who was out of town.

Program followed with the video screening of the ARRL's production of "Amateur Radio's Newest Frontier".

Fried, WA6WZO, SW Division Director ARRL made some announcements:

QST ARRL

SW Division Convention

Senate Resolution 86, support

24.890 to 24.990 Mhz available 0001Z June 22, 1985 1500Pep

bottom 40khs for CW, RTTY.

Orange County Fair July 12-25

Bob, AF6C, President: 8" floppy give-aways.

Alex, W6RE: Armed Forces Day May 18, 1985

Al, W6IBR, Orange County Fair participation.

Treasurers Report: Checking including Generator Fund \$1,309.62

Generator fund \$ 297.45

Savings fund \$ 591.65

Correction to generator fund + \$ 10.00

Insurance is paid.

Non-profit status form being complied.

Secretary: Minutes approved.

Membership: nothing to report.

Activities: Field Day meeting 5 P.M. May 18 at Roundtable Pizza

17th and Grand, Santa Ana

MOTION made by W6HHC and seconded by WA6VKE to allocate \$225.00

for FIELD DAY expenses. PASSED unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Auction, September, use last years rules, get hot on PUBLICITY.

Treasurer, Chris, EA6IMP has to resign effective June 30, 1985.

Good of Club: Address changed at Bank.

Ted Glick doing fine, K6LJA.

ADJOURNED at 2120.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank
Frank, WA6VKE

Prez Sez:

One item of ham radio that I've always felt is very important is that of giving honest signal reports. Everyone likes to receive a good report on both signal quality and strength. Often there are people running comparisons with other local hams using a far away ham as the judge. I find nothing wrong with this, though sometimes the participants get a little childish. Having a strong signal by getting the most out of the capabilities of your rig, whatever it may be, is part of the Amateur Radio hobby. Hams who operate QRP are especially interested in performance and making the few watts they put out count as much as possible! Honest signal reporting is important to keep our bands in good shape and our equipment operating up to snuff.

With this in mind, I was rather startled to hear a comment by one of our club members that the reason he gave up checking into the 15 meter SSB net was because I reported his signal was much weaker than normal! When I said that I was trying to be honest and let him know that there might be a problem. This ham has been checking into the 15 meter net for many years and always had a strong signal into Orange until that night. Since other stations from his area appeared at normal strength I felt the problem wasn't because of me or my receiver going deaf. Poor propagation was a possibility, but perhaps there were other possibilities. There have been some windy times in Orange County. Since this ham says he is still able to make contacts on 15 meters perhaps the problem is simply that the antenna slipped on the mast and no longer points where he thinks. Anyway, I only gave him the report for his own benefit and I will be available on the net to help him if he wishes, just as I'm sure other club members are willing to offer help.

73 de Bob, AF6C



"The solar tax credit won't let me take a depreciation on the sunspots?"

"Hon", the KING of DX is off to the Radio Club meeting."

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We're Taking Orders for...



BADGES

It took a while but thanks to 'Indiana Joe' we've located a new source for the round orange club badges. They will look very similar to the existing badges, I am told. To order your badge contact out Activities Chairman, Joe Partlow at (714) 542-3122. Leave your information on his answering machine including name desired and call. Also leave your phone number incase he has any questions. Give call (and spelling of name, if unusual) phonetically, especially if not correct in the latest club roster.

Cost: \$3.25 ea.

Badges can also be ordered at the meeting thru the Treasurer or Activities Chairman.

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